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1. The Dairen Shipbuilding Company, formerly the Dairen dry docks, is entirely under Soviet control. In June 1948, the blueprints for six ships to be built by the company were finished. The actual work was scheduled to begin in August 1948, using Chinese laborers supervised by Japanese and Soviet technicians.
2. The Manchurian Industries, formerly one of the largest Japanese plants at Kanchingtzu (122-05, 39-29), is now in operation. Ammunition manufactured at this factory is being shipped to North Korea in Soviet ships from where it is transhipped to the Chinese Communists in Manchuria.
3. The Dairen Iron Works, the West Harbor Factory, the Iron Works at Kanchingtzu and several other factories are building locomotives which are being shipped to the USSR. On 20 July 1948, eight locomotives were transported to Vladivostok from Dairen by a Soviet ship.
4. The former Japanese Marine Products Company is now called the Far Eastern Marine Products Company. This company employs about 10,000 workers, both male and female, in manufacturing rope and nets. The average monthly salary for these workers, as of July 1948, was between 40 and 60 catties of kaoliang. The company has several branch offices in Dairen.
5. The Kwantung Fishing Industry Cooperative in Dairen manufactures more than one thousand fishing nets per day. These fishing nets are shipped to Vladivostok in Soviet vessels. The cooperative employs approximately 17,000 workers, two thirds of whom are female.

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